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SUBJECT: ECLA--REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON PARTICIPATION OF
WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT

REF: USUN 410

1. EMBASSY AUTHORIZED TO MAKE APPROACHES TO ECLA HEAD-
QUARTERS CONCERNING STATUS OF DECISION TO HOLD SUBJECT
CONFERENCE IN HAVANA AND TO EXPRESS US VIEWS ON THE MATTER.

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2. AS INDICATED REFTEL, US FACED SIMILAR PROBLEM IN JUST-COMPLETED SESSION OF UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL IN NEW YORK. IN THAT INSTANCE, CUBA HAD OFFERED TO HOST NEXT (JUNE 76) MEETING OF GOVERNING COUNCIL. US TACTIC WAS TO AVOID MOUNTING A CAMPAIGN BUT TO SEEK TO HEAD OFF OR POSTPONE THIS EVENTUALITY THROUGH CAREFUL LOW-KEY CORRIDOR CONSULTATIONS. OUR POSITION IN THESE CONSULTATIONS WAS TO LET IT BE KNOWN THAT A HAVANA VENUE WOULD CREATE SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR US AND THAT WE MIGHT IN FACT BE UNABLE TO ATTEND A MEETING IN HAVANA. APPARENTLY CONCERNED THAT G-77 MEMBERS MIGHT BLAME CUBA IF A HAVANA MEETING RESULTED IN AN ADVERSE CONGRESSIONAL REACTION ON US CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNDP, THE CUBANS ASSUMED A MORE FLEXIBLE POSITION. ULTIMATELY THEY PROPOSED THAT THE CUBAN INVITATION TO HOLD A MEETING OF THE UNDP GOVERNING BOARD IN HAVANA SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN DELIBERATIONS OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS ON THE QUESTION OF VENUE FOR THE JUNE 76 AND JANUARY 77 GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETINGS.

3. IF ECLA SECRETARIAT CONFIRMS TO USUN INFO (PARA 1 REFTEL) THAT CONFERENCE ON PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT IS SCHEDULED FOR HAVANA, EMBASSY SHOULD INDICATE THIS WILL CREATE SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR US. IT SHOULD ALSO ADVISE SECRETARIAT THAT USG BELIEVES DECISION ON HAVANA VENUE SHOULD HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED WITH ALL INTERESTED MEMBER GOVTS OF ECLA. EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT US MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND MEETING IF SCHEDULED IN HAVANA. INGERSOLL

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